

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-3. (canceled).

4. (new) A medium and high viscosity hydrocarbon collecting net comprising:

a substantially rectangular frame comprising a periphery formed of polypropylene strips having an upper face and a lower face and a plurality of floating elements located between the upper face and lower face;

a net secured to the frame, the net comprises a plurality of polypropylene strands forming a cross-linked area to allow for adsorption of medium and high viscosity hydrocarbons; and

handle devices located at corners of the substantially rectangular frame, the handle device being provided with connection means for connecting to handle devices of another net.